

## Queen Candidates

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## CINCO de MAYO QUEEN SELECTION SET FOR APR. 26

PORTERVILLE - Queen for Porterville's colorful Cinco de Mayo celebration with her royal court, will be announced at a Coronation ball to be held the evening of April 26 at the VFW hall, with five girls competing for the title.

The traditional Fiesta and celebration is sponsored by the Comision Honorifica Mexicana of Porterville, with an afternoon of festivities, Sunday, May 4, in the Porterville Municipal ball park.

Contestants are: Emma De Leon, 18 a junior at Porterville High school, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidoro De Leon. She plans to attend beauty college after high school graduation.

Angelita Roman, 16, a sophomore at Monache High school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro Roman. She plans to become a legal secretary.

Eva Lozano, 17, a junior at Porterville High school, is the daughter of Mrs. Eva C. Lozano. Following graduation she plans to attend beauty college.

Augustina Martinez, 17, a sophomore at Porterville High school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Martinez. She plans a career in business.

Esperanza Reyes, 16, a sophomore at Porterville High school, is the daughter of Mrs. Esperanza Hernandez. She is planning a career in nursing.

Chairman of the queen contest is Mrs. Connie Delgadillo. Officers of Comision Honorifica Mexicana, are Victor Salcido, president; Jesus Martinez, secretary; Isaac Gonzales, treasurer; and Mike Nava, publicity chairman.

## JACKASS MAIL MEETING FRIDAY IN SPRINGVILLE

SPRINGVILLE - Lock the door; put shutters over the windows. The non-existent Jackass Mail committee will meet Friday evening at the Soda Springs Inn, Springville, to transact business deemed to be of great magnitude and of considerable importance.

Assuming that fearless scouts and stalwart frontiersmen can find their way into the foothills, the meeting will convene at 8 p.m., or thereabouts. There is some possibility that the official party will leave from the Mountain Lion saloon in Porterville.

There are those who believe this meeting is being held gone too soon, since there is great

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## 213,534 Acres Now Under Agricultural Preserves In County; Program Expands

VISALIA - Tulare county now has 213,534 acres under 393 agricultural preserves, and original trend a year ago toward inclusion of mostly foothill range land has expanded this year to valley floor land used for field crop production; some citrus and deciduous fruit acreage has also been placed in preserves.

After the first year of the program, assessed value in Tulare county was reduced \$1,100,000, or about one-quarter of one per cent, according to a report from

the office of Tulare County Assessor Herman Matney. This figure will increase this year because of greater acreage, and acreage with higher value.

At present there are several bills pending in Sacramento that relate to amendment of the basic Agricultural Preserve legislation that provides for assessment of agricultural land on a basis of its production income.

Under present provisions, improvements such as trees, vines and other income-pro-

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## SPRINGVILLE POINTS FOR RODEO APRIL 12-13



SPRING IS in the air - and that means rodeo time at Springville, with the above members of the rodeo association bearing down now on all the details that must be taken care of to stage a professional RCA show. Standing are, from left: Verne Long, Springville Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Archie Reynolds, Springville Grange; Harry Scruggs, member-at-large; Herb Brown, VFW; and Perry Marlin, Springville Farm Bureau Center. Seated: Minnie Hensley, Springville Grange; Darwin Griswold, Farm Bureau; Roy Hartley, board chairman.

Springville chamber of commerce; and Glenn Cole, chamber of commerce. Not in photo, Dick Maas and Joe Symington, Springville Lions club. Three girls are competing for rodeo queen; Sharon Virden, of Porterville; Jo-Wayne Brown, of Springville; and Dee Hex, of Exeter, with horsemanship contest set for March 29, 1:30 p.m., in the Springville rodeo arena. The queen will be crowned at a Coronation ball in the Memorial building the evening of April 5; a western parade will lead off rodeo weekend activities at 10 a.m.,

April 12; a western dance is scheduled for the evening of April 12, and the full-scale, world championship professional rodeo is set for the afternoons of April 12 and 13, with grand entry at 1:30 p.m. Meanwhile, new concession stands are being constructed on the rodeo grounds; parking and seating area sharpened up; and grounds and facilities put in top shape. Indications now are that the foothills of the Sierra will be at their Spring best during the rodeo weekend.

(Farm Tribune photo)

## WOMEN PILOTS TO FORM '99's' ORGANIZATION

PORTERVILLE - Women pilots in the Porterville area will join with other women pilots throughout the world when they form the Southern Sierra Chapter of the 99's with charter meeting to be held Saturday evening at Gang Sue's, starting at 6 p.m.

Charter members of the Southern Sierra chapter are: Bertha Coe, chairman; Jo Stafforini, vice chairman; Barbara Jamison, secretary-treasurer; and Kay Compton, Esther Davis, Phyllis Taggart, Ruby Upton and Wanda Wollenman.

Speaker of the evening will be Arvin O. Basnight, of Los Angeles, western region director of the Federal Aviation administration; presenting the charter will be Alberta Nicholson, governor, southwest section 99's, of Salt Lake City, Utah; participating also in the ceremony will be Donna Myers, International president 99's,

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## Association Asks Highway Improvements

CAMP NELSON - State Division of Highways officials, and the Tulare County Board of supervisors, have been asked to make firm commitments on road improvements and maintenance in the Tule River water shed.

Requests have been sent by letter from the Upper Tule Recreation association, headed by Claud Rouch, with Ben Ray as secretary. Copies of the

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## KICKOFF FRIDAY FOR SPORTSMEN BARBEQUE MAY 12

PORTERVILLE - Directors of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association, and their wives, will hold their annual Kickoff Dinner Friday evening at the Elks' lodge, pointing toward the traditional Sportsmen's barbecue that will be held at the Tule River Youth center in Poplar, May 12.

Plans for the barbecue will be discussed; committees named, and membership tickets that also

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## "WHY ADVERTISE FRESH ORANGES?"

PORTERVILLE - "Why Advertise Fresh Oranges" is the subject of a meeting of the Citrus Men's club, March 28, 12 noon, at Estrada's in Visalia. All interested citrus producers are invited to attend; no reservations are necessary.

On the speaker panel will be Jack Hodges, advertising executive with the Ralph's Grocery chain; Robert Clark, director of advertising-merchandising, Sunkist Growers; and Jack Spillman, a member of the advertising firm of Foote, Cone & Belding.

## CATTLEMEN REELECT OFFICERS



JIM MARTINEZ, of Porterville, was reelected president of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association at spring meeting held in the Visalia Elks lodge last Thursday evening. Reelected with him were Less Guthrie, of Porterville, secretary; and Mike Chrisman, of Visalia, vice president. Going off the board of directors was Dale Gill; elected to the board were Jack Shannon and Roy Sharp.

(Farm Tribune photos)



Emma De Leon



Esperanza Reyes



Augustina Martinez



Eva Lozano



Angelita Roman  
(Edwards Studio photos)



## Editorial Comment

### TELL THE WHOLE STORY!

RE: Measure submitted to vote of voters, Municipal ballot, City of Porterville, Tuesday, April 1, 1969.

Let's kill this one dead; deader than the proverbial mackerel.

Unless, of course, you want to jump the pay of your Porterville city councilmen from \$10 per month to \$150 per month.

The ballot measure, and information included with the sample ballot, does not say this (we presume by planned intent.) It merely refers to Section 36516 of the Government code of the State of California and makes the city of Porterville subject to this provision as the provision is now written into the state code and as might later be modified or amended by the state legislature.

But this code section provides that councilmen in a city the size of Porterville can vote themselves either no pay or \$150 per month.

It's either nothing or \$150 per month to each councilman, paid out of Porterville tax money.

And there is little doubt that if the people of Porterville vote in favor of this charter amendment, city councilmen will interpret this vote to mean that the people want to jump the councilmen's pay from \$10 a month to \$150 per month, and the necessary action will be forthcoming with something less than no delay.

So don't be misled on this one.

A "yes" vote means you favor paying city councilmen \$150 per month.

A "no" vote means you favor no change in city councilmen pay schedule.

We recommend a "kill it dead" vote.

## SAFeway TO HANDLE GRAPES! STAND TAKEN AGAINST BOYCOTT

BERKELEY - The refusal of the Safeway Food Store chain to remove California grapes from its shelves has been termed a welcome defense of the American consumer and his right to choose.

"Safeway's stand against the threat of a secondary boycott by the United Farm Workers Organizing committee is a most encouraging development," said

Allan Grant, president of the California Farm Bureau Federation. "It substantially strengthens efforts to hold the line against irresponsible attempts to wreck the grape industry in California and to dictate what consumers can buy."

Grant agreed that the public should decide whether farm labor legislation is necessary. He also stressed that the boycott movement poses a major threat to the American consumer because "it very likely will be extended to other farm commodities."

Locally, farm women - and farm men also - are asked to stop in at Safeway stores in their communities and thank the manager for the action taken by the chain.

This was suggested at March meeting of directors of the Tulare County Farm Bureau.

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ED REINECKE, Lt. Governor of the State of California, will make his first major address in the San Joaquin valley on April 7 at the Exeter Memorial auditorium. A Republican fund-raising dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a social hour. Theme of the evening is "Victory Celebration." Planning to attend the dinner, which is sponsored by the Tulare County Republican Central committee, are Congressman Bob Mathias, State Senator Howard Way, and State Assemblymen Gordon Duffy and Bill Ketchum. Tickets can be obtained in southeastern Tulare county from: Hal Campbell, Edgar L. Prestage, Wy Grier, Ed. Halbert, Lester J. Hamilton, James Holve and Clara Rutherford.

## DAN WINSTON JOINS KIBBE IN NEW FIRM

VISALIA - Dan Winston has joined the Millard Kibbe Advertising-Public Relations Agency as a junior partner.

The new firm will be known as the Kibbe and Winston Advertising-Public Relations Agency, with Millard Kibbe serving as senior partner.

Kibbe has operated the advertising-public relations agency for 19 years, serving clients in the South San Joaquin valley. The new firm will continue and expand operations in the same area.

Winston was a newspaper reporter and editor for 18 years, and in this area was assistant news editor of the Visalia Times-Delta, city editor of the Tulare Advance-Register and sports editor of the Hanford Sentinel.

A native of Kansas, Winston is a graduate of Stanford University and has made his home in Visalia for the last 13 years.

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FIVE EMPLOYEES, with a total of nearly 150 years of service, were honored Saturday at annual party of the Finance & Thrift company held in Visalia. Joe Mosconi, of Porterville, president of Finance & Thrift since 1962, was presented a 20-year plaque by Fred Frick, of Arvin, a member of the board of

1950. A native of San Jose, he has resided in Visalia nearly all of his life.

The Kibbe and Winston Advertising-Public Relations Agency maintains offices in the Bank of America building in Visalia.

## DAIRY PRINCESS TO BE SELECTED AT SOCIAL EVENT

TULARE - Tulare-Kings Counties Dairy Princess committee has set the date for the Dairy social event for April 11 at the T.D.E.S. hall in Tulare.

Chairman Manuel Santos, a Tulare dairyman, announced the names of the three judges who will name the new dairy princess for Tulare-Kings counties: G. R. Ruddell, mayor of Visalia, Mrs. Nateva Nunes of Lemoore, and W. Fred Zurcher, manager of the Crocker Citizens bank, Tulare, and a former dairyman.

The April 11 event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a prime rib dinner and dairy products. During dinner and a parade of contestants, a trio will entertain with background music. While the judges are compiling their scores the audience will be entertained by the team of Georg West and Maza, from Hollywood.

The newly crowned princess will compete for the title of California Dairy Princess in June, which is National Dairy month. All residents of the two counties are invited to attend the Tulare-Kings selection dinner. Tickets can be obtained at the office of the Greater Tulare chamber of commerce.

Winter cabbage production in California is estimated at 35 per cent below last year.

directors; Mamie Saak, of Porterville, who served as vice president of the firm before retiring seven years ago, received a 44-year service plaque from Mosconi. Others receiving awards were: Ardath Dobbs, Porterville, 22 years; Lila Henry, Tulare, 29 years; and Lorna Steele, of Hanford, 26 years.

## EDISON BUDGETS \$4.1 MILLION FOR TULARE COUNTY

PORTERVILLE - A total of \$4.1 million has been budgeted by Southern California Edison company for construction of new electric facilities in Tulare county during 1969, according to W. R. Dougher, district manager, in Porterville.

This figure is part of an over-all construction budget totaling \$341.4 million which Edison will invest in additions to its vast electric system throughout central and southern California, and portions of Nevada.

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## SPRINGVILLE 4-H PLANS FLOAT FOR RODEO PARADE

SPRINGVILLE - Plans for a float in the Springville Rodeo parade that will be held the morning of April 12, and for a food booth during the two days of the annual Springville-Sierra rodeo, April 12-13, were

discussed at March meeting of the Springville 4-H club.

Project reports were given by Cynthia Sayre, Karen Olsen, Nina Vaughn, Eleanor Sayre and Florence Polhamus. Report on the club Heart Fund drive was also given.

Guest speaker was Rodney Homer, of the agriculture staff at Porterville high school. He showed a film on feeding and care of beef animals.

## GAS CUSTOMERS TOP TWO MILLION

VISALIA - Southern California Gas company installed 6,000 meters during January to bring its total number of customers to 2,004,045. During 1968, the company showed a net gain of 28,011 customers.

Spring asparagus acreage in California is estimated at 15 per cent below last year.

## Chamber Backs Continuation Of School Tax

PORTERVILLE - Porterville chamber of commerce directors have gone on record backing continuation of a 40-cent tax override for Porterville Elementary schools.

The tax was first voted five

years ago; chamber directors favor a "yes" vote on April 15 to continue the tax for another five years.

A citizen's advisory committee, represented by Ted Ensslin, Walt Dougher, and Herb Bond, told the chamber group that continuation of the tax override is necessary in order to continue the educational program in the Porterville Elementary schools system.



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## Five Times As Much Snow At Mineral King

PORTERVILLE - There is nearly five times as much snow in Mineral King this year as there was a year ago, according to snow surveys made by U.S. Forest Service personnel.

The results of snow surveys taken recently in Mineral King showed snow depths at the lower course level of the valley (about 8,000 feet) of 184 inches. Last year at this time only 39.9 inches of snow was

recorded.

Water content this year registers 64.9 inches as compared to last year's scant reading of 14.9 inches.

It's the same story on the higher elevations near Farewell Gap.

At about 9,200 feet, where the survey was taken, the snow measures 258.8 inches with an average water content of 103.5 inches.

Last year at this time, the upper elevations recorded 53.7 inches of snow and 19.8 inches of water.

Jim James, supervisor of Sequoia National forest, said it is highly probable that there is

## TWO DATES AT SCICON

SPRINGVILLE - Two spring dates have been announced for SCICON - the annual barbecue on Sunday, April 27, and a "Friends of SCICON" dinner on Saturday, May 24.

more snow at the higher elevations that indicated by the surveys.

He said surveyors had only 25 feet of tubing in which to use for measurements. At about the 22 feet level, he said, the rods could not penetrate a heavy pack of ice to reach the ground for more accurate reading.

## CHORAL CONCERT SUNDAY AT CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTERVILLE - A concert of sacred music appropriate to the season of Lent, will be presented by the Porterville College Chamber Singers and the College Chorale in the St. Anne's Catholic church, Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m.

Under the direction of Dean Semple, the Chamber Singers will present a choral composition by Paul Fetler, "Te deum;" the College Choral will perform the "Requiem," by Gabriel Faure.

## EXAMINATION FOR HIGHWAY PATROL

VISALIA - Examination for state traffic officer in the California Highway patrol will be given May 3; deadline for filing date for the examination is April 11. Application forms can be obtained from any office of the Highway patrol, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California State Employment service, and the State Personnel board.

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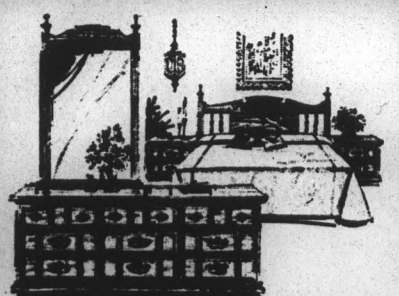
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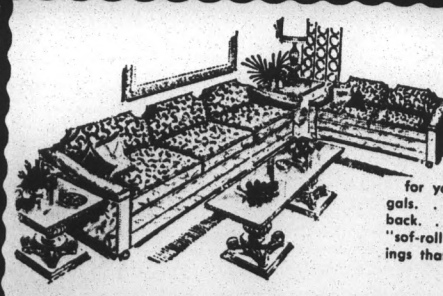
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BY BILL RODGERS

IN ANY contest for the dullest, most uninteresting, most colorless building ever constructed, the new county agriculture building in Visalia would certainly be a contender ... It's a shame to spend the amount of money that was spent on this building, then get what we got.

AFTER READING the page 1 story on development of agricultural preserves in Tulare county, consider the fact that if legislation is passed in Sacramento allowing money-producing items on agricultural land, such as trees and vines, to come under the assessing procedures authorized in an agricultural preserve, there will no doubt be great scurrying around to develop tax money to keep public facilities - such as schools, for instance - in business ... Point is that under the usual method of assessment, "fair market value" is the major criteria. In an agriculture preserve, assessment - now on land only - is based on value of income. This means that under the present system of property assessment, incentive is greatest to put undeveloped land, such as foothill grazing land, into an agricultural preserve, since with the restrictions that are placed on the use and sale of property in an agricultural preserve, a farmer must decide whether or not the lower assessed valuation, and the resultant lower taxes, is worth the restrictions. Generally, up to now, the decision has been that it is worth it on undeveloped land, but not worth it on developed land ... But if improvements as well as land are placed under the "value of income" formula in an agricultural preserve, it is likely that a high percentage of improved farm lands will be put into agricultural preserves, which will mean a significant reduction in total assessed value of county land, which, in turn will result in a lesser amount of money being raised by a given tax rate ... We suspect that office holders in political subdivisions will not be inclined to tighten their belts if their tax revenue is cut. Rather, pressure will be put on such agencies as the state and federal government to make up the shortage, or efforts will be made to raise the local tax rate ... Which means that total amount of tax money paid into public coffers will amount to the same, only it will be paid through different channels or through higher tax rates ... We most certainly do not argue that

## Hunter Safety Training Is Paying Off

SACRAMENTO - Hunter Safety Training program, started some 15 years ago in California, seems to be paying off.

Coordinated by the State Department of Fish and Game, the instructional program is actually handled by some 3,300 local, unpaid volunteers in communities throughout California; since it was started in 1954, 449,516 youngsters have been trained in the safe handling of firearms.

During that time, the hunter casualty rate has dropped from 3.1 to 1.5 casualties per 10,000 licensed hunters. Last year, volunteer instructors trained 37,177 youngsters.

State law requires that persons under 18 satisfactorily complete the hunter safety course before they may purchase a hunting license.

property taxes are near the point of confiscation - particularly in agriculture, but we are highly skeptical about a two-method system of property assessment helping much in the long run ... And in this arena of tax tussle, did you notice that California has had to call off a chunk of bond offerings for schools? No market. Remember when those horrible conservatives were telling all and sundry that we the people better slow down on our bond issues, because California is not the miraculous pitcher, even though the gimmee boys and girls seem to think it is ... And what about the blue ribbon tax reform committee that now has its report in the hands of the various powers that be in Sacramento? Tax reform? Hardly. This report merely presents ideas for a tax juggle, with property owners listed among those who would get "relief" if the plan is fashioned into law, but there is no indication that total tax relief would be forthcoming ... So, what does all this add up to? Merely this. Agricultural preserves, juggled tax systems, so-called broader tax bases do not in themselves result in total lower taxes, only different taxes. The old fact of life simply cannot be by-passed. If taxes are too high, and the people want real relief, then governmental spending must be reduced ... There just ain't no other way over the long haul.

California watermelon growers plan to plant 10,000 acres this season, about the same as last year.



NO! NO! A thousand times no. The four-legged jackass can come in but you others stay out, says B.J. Ladd. However, they all went in, and Miss Murgatroid, third from left, enjoyed a cooling repast after working all afternoon, Saturday, selling stamps for the Jackass Mail that will run from Porterville to Springville April 5. Others, from left: Teamster Red Cantrell, Former Wagonmaster Tom Masonheimer; Charley Hall; Art Thrall, creator of that memorable Medicine show character, The Village Idiot; and

Doc Small himself, namely Gene Duncan. Miss Mergatroid and friends will be up and down the street next Saturday, relieving dudes and city slickers of four bits per each for Jackass Mail

stamps, which can also be obtained at the Porterville chamber of commerce office and in various emporiums in Springville and Porterville. (Farm Tribune daguerreotype)

## BARBWIRE COLLECTORS MEET MARCH 29

PASO ROBLES - Quarterly meeting of the California Barbed Wire Collectors' association will be held March 29 in the industrial building on the San Luis Obispo county fair grounds in Paso Robles.

Ellwyn M. Carlson, of Porterville, corresponding secretary of the association, states that the one-day event will include a barbed wire show, a business session, and an evening buffet dinner.

Persons interested in attending, or in joining the association, can contact Carlson at 1046 No. San Carlos street in Porterville.

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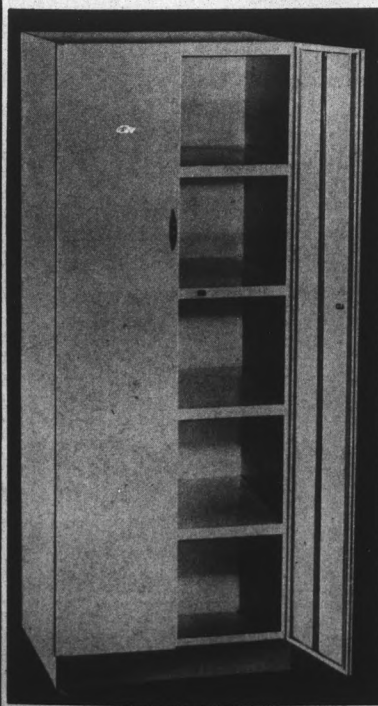
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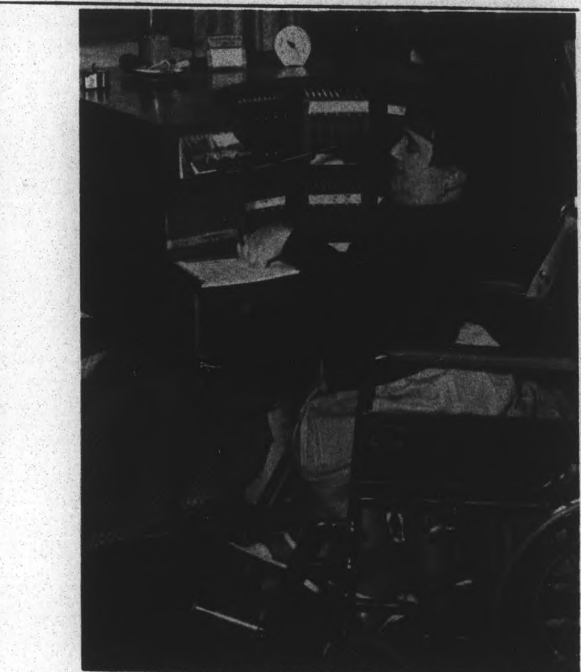
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DICK BERRYHILL, principal at Monache High school, accepts a photograph of the school campus from Bob Board, Pacific Telephone manager in Porterville for display in the school lobby. A full-color reproduction of the photo is on the cover of the latest Kings-Tulare Counties telephone directory.

(Hammond Studio photo)

### BOARD HEADS COMMISSION

PORTERVILLE - Bob Board has been elected chairman of the new Community Goals commission set up by the Porterville City council. Jake Rankin is vice chairman; Mrs. Gilbert Ynigues is secretary.

## The Farm Tribune

# BILLBOARD

### MARCH

21-Livestock Show, Strathmore FFA  
21-22-"Generation" at Barn Theater  
21-22-"The Crucible," Porterville College Theater  
23-Porterville College Choral Concert  
28-"Tonight On Broadway"  
28-29-"Generation" at Barn Theater

### APRIL

1-Kick Off, Cancer Crusade  
4-5-"Generation" at Barn Theater  
5-Springville Rodeo Queen Coronation Ball  
5-Eighth Running of Jackass Mail  
7-County Republican Dinner, Exeter  
11-Dairy Queen Selection, Tulare  
12-Western Parade, Springville  
12-Western Dance, Springville  
12-SCICON Barbecue, at SCICON  
12-13-Springville-Sierra Rodeo  
19-Tulare County 4-H Dress Review  
19-27-Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival  
26-27-Springville Art Show

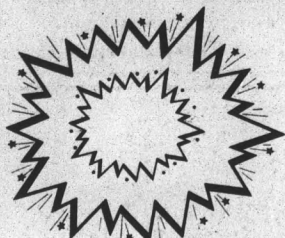
### MAY

2-Panther Band Concert  
2-3-4-Tulare Co. 4-H Fair, Tulare  
4-Cinco de Mayo  
9-Bartlett Band Concert  
12-So. Tulare Co. Sportsmen Assn. Barbecue  
15-16-17-Porterville Fair  
24-Exchange Club Band Breakfast  
30-31-Exchange Club Band Breakfast  
30-31-Fly-In And Moonlight Flight

### JUNE

1-Fly-In and Moonlight Flight  
16-21-Western Week  
20-21-Porterville Rodeo

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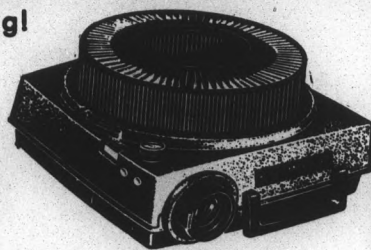
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**FLOODING - PICTURES** of recently flooded areas throughout Tulare county and a discussion of what can be done to prevent future flood water damage, was the topic discussed at the March meeting of Tulare County Farm Bureau directors by Fred Hover, left, of the county planning department, and Don Hillman, chairman of the county board of supervisors. (Farm Tribune photo)

## FLOOD CONTROL AND DRAINAGE ARE ANSWER TO WATER PROBLEMS

**VISALIA** - Construction of flood control and drainage facilities represents the long-term answer to control of flooding from runoff water in Tulare county, it was stated by Don Hillman, chairman of the Tulare County board of supervisors at March meeting of Tulare County Farm Bureau directors.

Hillman discussed the recent flood situation that brought damage estimated at \$35-\$40 million in Tulare county, not including additional damage to agricultural lands that will not become evident until later in the year. With Hillman was Fred Hover, from the Tulare County planning department who showed colored slides of flooded areas and described the conditions that led to flooding.

At the present time, a special committee from the Tulare County Water commission is completing a study of possible flood control measures, Hillman said. This report will be ready by the middle of April.

"There are 17 uncontrolled creeks and streams in Tulare county that cause trouble in wet years," Hillman said. "In order to control these water runoff channels, it appears that in the long-run we must have a county-wide flood control district, and possibly a larger district, in order to construct the necessary dams and water-check facilities.

"Also a necessity is a drainage system that will keep water moving in predetermined channels, and through natural water courses."

As for the short-term answer to flooding problems, Hillman pointed out that the tremendous snow pack in the Sierra presents a possible serious threat this spring, however, he said that he believes the army engineers, with any degree of good luck in the form of weather, will be able to pretty well control this water.

He said that county and city officials have asked the engineers to release a maximum amount of water from back of Terminus and Success dams to provide maximum storage capacity when the spring runoff comes; he said that engineers are prepared to use cement-sack barriers in the overflow spillways at the dams if needed.

"We have urged that maximum flow in the Kaweah and Tule rivers be maintained without hurting the many small

farmers along these streams in Tulare and Kings counties," Hillman said. "As far as the Tulare Lake basin ranchers are concerned, they gamble every year on runoff water - this year they lost."

Hillman urged farmers who suffered a flood loss of \$1,000 or more to go to the office of the county assessor immediately and ask for a new property appraisal. Legislation concerning such new assessment of property is pending in Sacramento, but farmers should not wait for passage to ask for a new property appraisal," Hillman said.

Concerning some of the factors that add to the problem of flood water damage and over which the county has no control, Hillman listed:

1. Natural water channels have been levelled out for agriculture or building, and small stream channels that carry a minimum amount of water, or no water at all in normal years, simply cannot handle a heavy runoff as experienced this year, consequently water spreads out and flooding occurs.

2. As agricultural lands are developed, the problem becomes greater since where grass used to grow, non-cultivated orchards are appearing, creating more and more water runoff. The same problem arises as more building construction occurs in the county.

3. When roads are constructed by the county, and raised to the proper grade, "dams" are created; railroads, state highways, and the Friant-Kern canal also create "dams."

4. The county has no legal way to maintain or require maintenance of natural river and runoff channels, and to keep these channels clear.

As for solutions to these problems, Hillman said the county now has an ordinance under study to define responsibilities regarding natural water channels and restrictions on their use, however he said that it is likely that state and federal water law will have to be considered in connection with this ordinance.

He said that certainly a more adequate and realistic system of culverts under all water-way obstructions must be used in the future, and existing inadequate culverts enlarged.

In commenting on the

## DEMONSTRATIONS PRESENTED BY BURTON MEMBERS

**BURTON** - Highlights of the Burton 4-H meeting March 11 were preparation demonstrations given by three of the club members, the first presented by James Falconer, "I Am An Engine", relating to the operation of the tractor engine.

Lisa and Allen Lombardi presented "A Bare Necessity" relating to the need and importance of caring properly for sheep.

The last demonstration was on food preparation, by Aleta Nix, entitled "Brer Rabbit Salad". These demonstrations were given March 15 at the annual Field Day at Monache High school.

Mrs. Calvin Weisenberger, community leader of the club, presented the new 1969 report records and advised on filling in the forms. Dawn Tumbleson reported on a 4-H Skating party, March 25, to which the Westfield 4-H club has been invited. The time is 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Lynette Pratt submitted the idea of buying flowers for the members of the club who were involved in an accident; Anne and Debbie Dulay and Doug Owen.

The flag salute was led by Sue Vossler and Marianne Nuckols. Mark Crane presided.

potential of spring runoff out of the Sierra, Halver Haddock, a member of the County Farm Bureau Water department reported that water content of snow pack in the Kaweah watershed is 268 per cent of normal; the Tule, 357 per cent; the Kern, 451 percent; the Kings, 264 percent and the San Joaquin, 260 percent.



**NEWLY-ELECTED** officers of the Tulare County Cotton Wives Auxiliary are, top photo, from left: Mrs. Gerald Lang, of Visalia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Manuel Faria Jr., of Tipton, vice president; Mrs. W. H. Williams, of Dinuba, president; and Mrs. John Doder, of Visalia, recording secretary. Outgoing president is Mrs. Robert Fallert, of Porterville. In lower photo,

from left: Mrs. Tom Brown, a past president of the Fresno County Cotton Wives, who spoke on the forthcoming Cotton Cotillion in Fresno, at election meeting of the Tulare County group held March 12 at Gang Sues; Mrs. Williams; Mrs. Fallert; and Mrs. Glen Stevens, 1969 floor manager for the California Maid of Cotton. (Farm Tribune photos)

## GRUNION RUNS ARE PREDICTED

**LOS ANGELES** - Grunion runs on southern California beaches are predicted for March 20, June 16, July 1, and August 1. Grunion season is closed through April and May; the

silvery little ocean fish that comes onto the beaches to spawn can be taken only by hand; an angling license is required.

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of the Sierra.

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## SUPPORT GROWS FOR RECOMMENDATION FOR REFORMS WITHIN WELFARE SYSTEM

VISALIA - Growing support for a six-point welfare reform program recommended by the Tulare County Welfare Advisory



From  
**Daybell  
Nursery**

By John

Now that we have seen how beautiful the weather can be we will probably be spoiled from here on out. It is nice though and maybe we can talk about something else for a change like crab grass or aphids or how pretty the camellias are. At least the crab grass and aphids are predictable which is something the weather has proven itself not to be.

The drier soil has allowed the digging of citrus trees which we now have in ample supply. Oranges, lemons, ruby blush grapefruit, regular grapefruit, tangerines and all that sort of stuff. These produce delectable fruit which may be eaten, used for ornament, or mixed with firewater for the happy hour.

Other ways you may raise your own spirits are with bright colored petunias or some other started plants for summer. These are fast, inexpensive, ready to plant, and easy to grow. We especially recommend white flowering candy tuft which lasts from year to year in difficult sunny locations.

This is the time of year we apologize for not serving you as quickly as we would like and thank you for your great patience. After several months of rest it's hard to get organized for the sudden spring rush. So many of you at one time just about overwhelms our small operation. We couldn't live without you though so come on along and join the throng. Seven days a week on "E" St. North of the Olive Ave. dust bowl.

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committee is reported by Harry Scruggs, of Springville, chairman of the committee, who expresses gratification that the proposed program is being so well received.

The Welfare Advisory committee recommends that welfare laws at all levels be re-written to create necessary changes of concept in six areas:

- (1) Welfare payments, through national legislation, should be equalized among all states.
- (2) Within the general framework of national legislation, states and counties should have more freedom to adapt welfare programs to local needs and situations.
- (3) A mandatory savings plan should be written into welfare legislation so that when able bodied persons earn good wages during certain months, they are able to help support themselves, even if only partially, during months of unemployment.
- (4) Family fiscal responsibility should be "built into" the program.
- (5) Welfare aid should be limited to a maximum amount no greater than a family could earn working at minimum wage rates.
- (6) Providing of jobs, not payment of aid, should become the basic goal of the total welfare program.

Scruggs says that judging by the reception he has received when presenting the reform recommendations to many organizations, "people, while realizing that we must have a welfare program are fed up with the kind of programs now in operation. Instead of things getting better over the years, they seem to be getting worse."

Organizations that have gone on record endorsing the reform plan include: Tulare County board of supervisors; Tulare County Grand Jury; Tulare

County chamber of commerce; Farm Bureau, local, county, state; Porterville Noon Lions; Porterville chamber of commerce.

Porterville Breakfast Lions; Porterville Unit-California Republican Assembly; Porterville Farm Bureau Center; Porterville Mexican-American Civic association; Executive Board of Pioneer P.T.A., Porterville; Springville Lions club; Springville Farm Bureau Center; Springville chamber of commerce; MacFarland Lions club and Jefferson School P.T.A., Dinuba.

Emphasis is now being placed on "carrying the word" into other counties and into legislative channels, according to Scruggs.

Serving also on the Tulare County Welfare Advisory committee are: Mrs. John Dilts, Springville; Mrs. Alice Bly, Ivanhoe; Mrs. Marcia Bacigalupe, Visalia; Mrs. Dolly Faria, Tipton; Richard Kramer, Delano; Mrs. Nancy McCallister, Woodlake; Pauline Romero, Dinuba; and John Shankland, Tulare.

### SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON MARCH 25

VISALIA - Annual Scholarship luncheon will be given by Tulare County Farm Bureau Women March 25 at the PPAV hall on East Main street in Visalia, with serving to start at 12 noon.

Esther Lowe, chairman, states that flower arranging will be demonstrated by a representative of Sponsler's nursery, with a discussion, also, of items pertaining to nursery work; a musical program will be presented; and a recipient of a Farm Bureau scholarship will speak, telling of the use of the scholarship.

All interested women are invited to attend the luncheon, with money raised to go toward a state scholarship.



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No. 20174

Estate of  
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known as Homer Richardson and  
Homer Huston Richardson, De-  
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated February 24, 1969  
FLORENCE KEITH  
Executrix of the Will of the  
above named decedent  
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
Attorneys at Law  
141 East Mill Avenue  
Porterville, California 93257  
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Attorneys for Executrix  
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/s/ GEORGE L. WARDEN  
/s/ ROBERT J. TUCKER  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) ss  
COUNTY OF TULARE )

On February 13, 1969, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared GEORGE L. WARDEN and ROBERT J. TUCKER, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.  
/s/ GAYLORD N. HUBLER  
Notary Public in and for said County and State.  
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## OUR TOWN

By Ruth Loyd

I begged some typing paper from my favorite editor, and do you know what he gave me? Mimeograph paper! I wonder what he is saving the good stuff for? Just because he has a beard, he thinks he's a wheel.

You know I wouldn't dream of criticizing OUR CITY MANAGEMENT. Just because someone sandbagged the flood so it would come down through our yard doesn't mean I'm mad at the City. Heaven forbid! I would have waved my hand instead of my swim fin at the city truck, but you see, my hands were busy helping my arms hold up the sandbags. I'm not mad at anyone. We met the greatest neighbors in the world when we were wandering around the house in the water.

I'm glad the Tree House is in business again. I know the new name is The Fireside Inn, but I happen to like the name Tree House better. Hansen Kimbrough, of Club 65 fame, enticed all the waitresses from the club, and now they are all living "happily forever after" in the Tree House. Serving good food in a delightful surrounding. The best of luck to all of you.

Do you have a jackass for a husband? I better re-word that. I just wondered if your husband has started his beard for the big trek to Springville. Mike, the young man who makes the vegetables look so fancy at Smith's, is just beautiful. I mean his beard. And it is soooo soft. The beautiful checkers just love to run their fingers thru its silky softness. Old ladies like me like to do it too. I'm glad he has an understanding wife.

No Virginia, The Monache High school does not have a special place for the youngsters to smoke their smokes. Where do these rumors come from? Next, someone will call me and tell me that the teachers are required to light the cigarettes for the kids. It ain't true. In the first place it's against the state

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Estate of  
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law for students to smoke on High School campuses, and in the second place I don't think that Dick Berryhill would encourage something that is supposed to injure the health of his charges.

Another rumor: \$10.00 an hour for the boys to go to Camp Nelson to shovel snow. Don't go rushing up there hoping to be a millionaire in a few days. There are not many such lush jobs. I don't go for that snow job, but I would love to go for a ride in one of the helicopters. What a sight that must be.

Larry Cotta running for Councilman, and Ginger Williams (I almost wrote Ginger Rogers) running for the High School Board. It's nice to see the younger people taking an interest in OUR TOWN.

Happiness is nice warm sunshine. I wonder if I will be saying that in July.

### NINETY-FIVE ATTEND 55th YMCA DINNER

VISALIA - Ninety-five persons attended the 55th annual dinner meeting of the Tulare County YMCA, held March 6 at the First Baptist church in Visalia. Bob Bray, of Porterville, was reelected to serve on the board of directors.



## BATTLE AGAINST THE PINK BOLLWORM GETTING UNDER WAY IN TULARE COUNTY

VISALIA - Battle against the pink bollworm in cotton has started for the 1969 season in Tulare county, it has been announced by Elvin O. Mankins, county agricultural commissioner.

First move is the placing of pink bollworm traps in cotton fields, even though fruiting plants are not present, in order to warn county, state and federal entomologists if any early-flying pink bollworm moths are in the area.

"We are asking cotton growers to be on the lookout for the small, white, cardboard traps on wire stakes which will be in many cotton fields," Mankins says, "and to avoid damaging them during cultivation and planting of fields."

Traps will be examined weekly by trained inspectors; any insects found in the traps will be sent to the California department of agriculture for identification. Bait or lure being used in traps is a synthetic substance attractive to the male pink bollworm moth only.

The pink bollworm is one of the world's most serious cotton pests. It is responsible for millions of dollars in losses annually in the southern United States and in Mexico as well as other parts of the world where cotton is ginned, Mankins says.

The insect was first found in California in 1965, having moved westward across Arizona where it had built up widespread infestations. The first collections of this dreaded pest in California cotton field was made in October of 1965 close to Blythe. From this first invasion, pink bollworm spread throughout the cotton producing areas of California south of the San Joaquin valley, and reached Kern county in the southern San Joaquin valley in 1967.

A massive cooperative control program was launched in the San Joaquin valley following this find. Using a method of rearing and releasing sterile male pink bollworm moths, developed by the United States department of agriculture, over nine million sterile insects were released close

to Bakersfield in 1968.

It is too early to be certain that this program was successful, but it is encouraging to note that no infestations of pink bollworm were found in the San Joaquin valley in 1968, Mankins points out.

### FORSBERG NAMED DEPUTY D.A.

VISALIA - Steven W. Forsberg, 27, has been named a deputy district attorney in Tulare county by District Attorney Bob Bereman. Forsberg is a graduate of Hastings College of Law, University of California in San Francisco. He was admitted to the bar January 9, 1969.

Some strawberries were picked in Orange county during February, however wet weather delayed harvest and resulted in some fruit damage.

Ray Arnett, director of the California Department of Fish and Game, has been elected vice president of the National Wildlife federation.

## COOP GINS ASSN. MEETING SET FOR FRESNO

FRESNO - Twenty-ninth annual meeting of the California Cooperative Cotton Gins association has been set for the Del Webb Towne House in Fresno, with agenda to include reports on association activities, and topics concerning the cotton industry that are of interest to growers and ginners.

Ron Prestidge, association secretary-manager, states that the organization "is a trade association that is interested not only in the economic progress of its member gins, but also in the economic progress of our cotton farmers that compose the cooperative segment of the cotton industry."

### VALLEY NITROGEN PAYS OFF \$3 MILLION

FRESNO - Valley Nitrogen Producers, Inc., has mailed checks to approximately 4,000 shareholders, representing the cash portion of \$3,262,000 net margin earned during the past fiscal year, Carl H. Haas, President, has announced. Haas

EVA GOODE, a newcomer to the Barn theater stage, will carry a major role in "Generation" that opens at the Barn theater, March 28, this new opening date announced this week by Director Gary Garland. Others in the cast are Richard Newman, Jack Havery, Dr. Walter Carpenter, Jeff Franklin, and Bill Goode. The show will run three weekends, closing April 12. (Edwards Studio photo)

further stated that this brings the cumulative margins earned by shareholders since 1960 to over \$25,500,000.

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## Marketing Assn. Expected To Be In Black In 1970

VISALIA - The California Livestock Marketing association is cutting down its deficit and expects to be in the black in 1970, according to Richard G. Jones, association manager.

Jones reports that business of the association, gained four per cent in livestock dealings and nearly \$3.2 million dollars in business during 1968 as compared to 1967.

Jones states that "extensive reorganizational changes in the CLMA administrative system and a stringent economy campaign," is responsible for putting the association "on the road back."

## HORSE SHOW MEETING SET

PORTERVILLE - Discussion of the Ranch Horse contest that is slated for the 1969 Porterville fair on May 16 will be heard at an open meeting of the show committee next Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., Edison company office on Main street. All interested persons are invited to attend.

## ECONOMICS OF COTTON PRODUCTION

VISALIA - Cotton growers in Tulare county will have an opportunity to review economics of production in a school scheduled for this afternoon, March 20, in Visalia. The session will include information developed comparing returns of other crops with cotton and ideas where growers might reduce their costs during the 1969 season. Time is 1:30 p.m., in the county agriculture building.

## ASSOCIATION

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letters have gone to Congressman Bob Mathias, State Senator Howard Way, State Assemblyman Gordon Duffy, and Jim James, Sequoia National Forest supervisor.

County supervisors were called upon to make written commitment as to road maintenance and snow removal on all county roads in the following areas: Pierpoint Springs resort, Camp Nelson resort, Slate Mountain homes, McIntyre tract, Alpine Village, Sequoia Crest, Cedar Slope and The Ponderosa.

Letter to the State Division of Highways requested that a commitment be made as to intentions pertaining to improvement, year around maintenance, and snow removal on Highway 190 from Camp Nelson to Quaking Aspen.

Representatives of the Upper Tule Recreation association say the information requested from the county and state is essential to orderly growth and planning in the rapidly developing Upper Tule river area.

## 213,534 ACRES

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ducing items are still assessed at "fair market value" even though the land they are on is in an agricultural preserve.

One pending bill, however, would, if passed, put all income-producing improvements also under assessment provisions of land if placed under an agricultural preserve - or an assessed value based on income production rather than fair market value.

A year ago Tulare county had 92,033 acres authorized in 153 approved agricultural preserves. The figure has more than doubled this year for both the number of preserves and the amount of acreage involved.

## SPORTSMEN BARBECUE

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admit to the barbecue, passed out. Bill Scruggs, association president, will preside.

Sale of memberships finance the program of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association that generally involves programs aimed at preservation of fish and game and the maintaining of good hunting and fishing for generations to come.

Scruggs states that as in past years, a lively program will be arranged for the barbecue and a wide variety of door prizes will be given away during the May 12 event.

The Kickoff banquet will get underway at 7 p.m.

## WOMEN PILOTS

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from Aurora, Colorado. Master of ceremonies will be Bill Rodgers.

The International Order of 99's was formed 40 years ago - in 1929, with Amelia Earhart as the first president. Eligible for membership are women who currently are certified pilots with a rating of at least private pilot.

Name comes from the fact that when the organization was formed, only 99 women were eligible for membership. At present the International organization has 3,500 members.

When Mrs. Coe came to Porterville in 1963, she was the only active woman pilot in the area. Irmyle Fitzgerald, Porterville's "pioneer" woman pilot who gave up flying because of health reasons, will be honored at the charter meeting.

Basnight's civilian government service began in 1935 with the Farm Credit



BUSINESS AWARDS from the Bank of America amounting to \$300, have gone to Gary M. Laughlin, left, and Linda Osti, who were selected at Porterville college as recipients of the 1969 Bank of America Junior College Business awards. They were among 82 northern California junior college students who received the award and who were honored at a recent

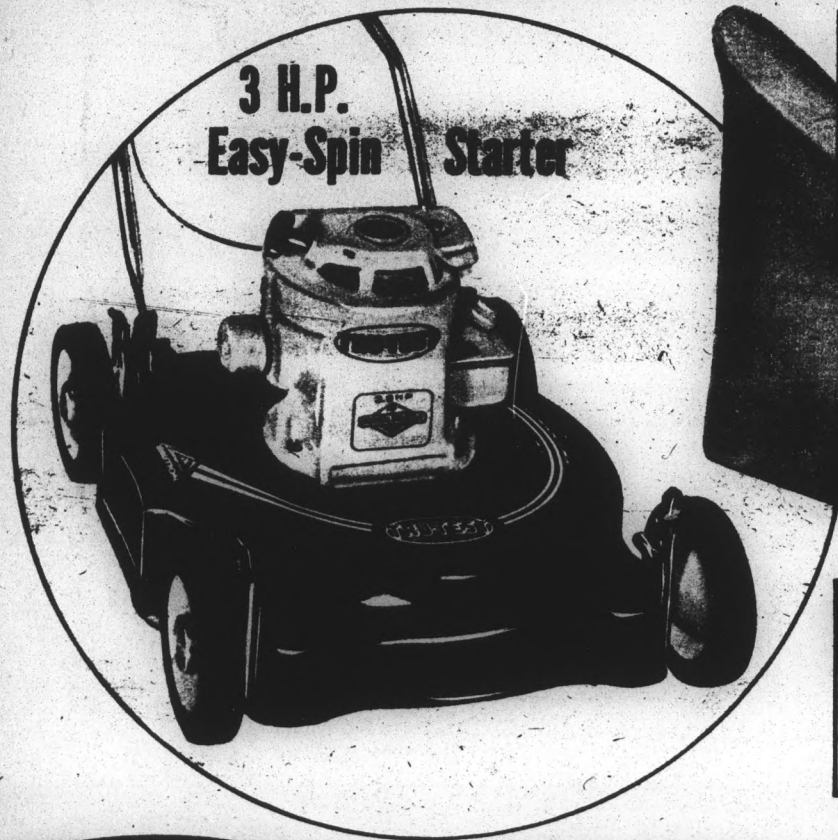
banquet in the Hilton hotel, San Francisco. Laughlin is a graduate of Poplar Bluff High school in Missouri; Miss Osti is a graduate of Porterville High school. The awards are based, primarily, on scholarship, and leadership in extracurricular activities. Other factors considered are ability to get along well with other persons, and successful business employment.

## JACKASS MAIL

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confusion surrounding selection of a 1969 wagon master - confusion surpassed only by confusion as to who will ride shotgun.

All interested and uninterested persons are invited to attend, except those expelled exponents of taffy pulls, bird watching, and flower picking.

There is some reason to believe that a new member of the committee, Miss Murgatroid, will be among those present.



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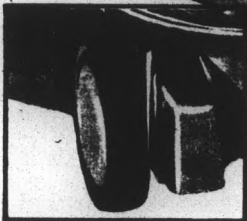
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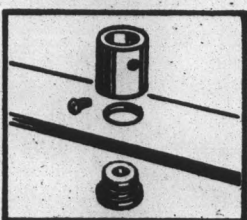
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